

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image-forming device comprising:
 - a ~~device~~ machine-control-information-holding module which holds ~~inherent device information including the~~ at least specific machine-control information containing a control information list including a number-of-sheets-used-information on an image-recording medium to be ~~possessed~~ held by the image-forming device;
 - a condition-setting module which sets a reference value to the specific device machine control information in the ~~above device machine-control~~ information as a condition;
 - a character-data-generating module which fetches the ~~device~~ specific machine control information from the ~~device machine-control-information-holding module~~ when producing the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium, determining whether the ~~device specific machine-control~~ information meets the condition set by the condition-setting module, adding predetermined color information to the ~~device specific machine-control~~ information in accordance with the determination result, and converting the ~~device specific machine-control~~ information added with the predetermined color information into character-string data;
 - an image-data-generating module which converts the character-string data converted by the character-data-generating module into character-image data;
 - an image-data-storing module which stores the character-image data converted by the image-data-generating module; and
 - an image-forming module which reads the character-image data from the image-data-storing module and ~~forming~~ forms the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium as an image based on the character-image data on ~~an~~ the image-recording medium,
- wherein the image-forming module has a function for at least one of coloring and character-modifying the specific ~~device machine-control~~ information under a specific condition and for printing out the specific machine-control information.

2. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 1, further comprising a user interface which displays a condition to be set by the condition-setting module when printing out the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium.

3. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 1, wherein the image-forming module ~~colors or modifies~~ performs at least one of coloring and character modifying the character-image data to print out the data in accordance with a preset condition when printing out ~~the device information~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium.

4. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 1, wherein the image-data-generating module has a function for generating character-image data by determining whether an item designated by a user meets a condition designated by the user when generating a the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information list or report every user group and at least one of coloring the character-image data with a color designated by the user ~~or~~ and character-modifying the character-image data by a modification method designated by the user when the item meets the condition, and the image-forming module has a function for printing out character-image data by at least one of coloring the character-image data with the color generated by the image-data-generating module and designated by the user ~~or~~ and character-modifying the character-image data by a modification method designated by the user.

5. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 1, wherein the image-data-generating module has a function for generating character-image data by applying respectively-inherent character modification to the specific ~~device~~ machine-control information under a plurality of conditions and printing out ~~the character image data~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium by applying respectively-inherent character modification to the specific ~~device~~ machine-control information generated by the image-data-generating module under a plurality of conditions.

6. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 1, wherein the image-forming module has a function for stepwise coloring each of the character-image data values with an inherent color about one item and printing out ~~the data~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium correspondingly to a preset number of conditions when printing out ~~the device information~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium.

7. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 1, wherein the image-data-generating module has a function for determining whether ~~to meet any stage~~ at least a threshold level is met for each of a plurality of conditions designated by a user about one item designated by the user when generating a the control information list including the number-of-sheet-used-information list ~~or report every user group~~ and generating character-image data by coloring the character-image data with a color designated by the user in accordance with ~~a stage~~ the threshold level meeting ~~one~~ each of the plurality of the conditions, and

the image-forming module has a function for printing out ~~the character-image data~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium by coloring the character-image data with a color designated by the user in accordance with ~~a stage~~ the threshold level meeting ~~one~~ each of the plurality of conditions.

8. (Currently amended) An image-forming device comprising:
~~device~~ machine-control-information-holding means for holding ~~inherent device information including~~ a control information list including number-of-sheets-used-information on an image-recording medium as specific machine-control information to be possessed held by the image-forming device;

condition-setting means for setting the reference value of the specific device machine-control information ~~in the above device information~~ as a condition;

character-data-generation means for fetching the ~~device~~ machine-control information from the ~~device~~ machine-control-information-holding means, determining whether the ~~device~~

machine-control information meets the condition set by the condition-setting means, adding predetermined color information to the ~~device~~ machine-control information in accordance with the determination result, and converting the ~~device~~ machine-control information including the predetermined color information into character-string data when printing out the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium;

image-data-generating means for converting the character-string data converted by the character-data-generating means into character-image data;

image-data-storing means for storing the character-image data converted by the image-data-generating means; and

image-forming means for reading the character-image data from the image-data-storing means and forming the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium as an image based on the character-image data on ~~an~~ the image-recording medium,

wherein the image-forming means has a function for printing out ~~the specific-device information~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium by at least one of coloring ~~or~~ and character-modifying the ~~specific-device~~ information under a specific condition.

9. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 8, further comprising a user interface for displaying a condition to be set by the condition-setting module when printing out the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium.

10. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 8, wherein the image-forming means has a function for printing out the above character-image data by at least one of coloring ~~or~~ and modifying the character-image data in accordance with preset conditions when printing out ~~the above-device information~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium.

11. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 8, wherein the image-data-generating means has a function for determining whether an item designated by a user meets a condition designated by the user when generating a the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information ~~list or report on the image-recording medium~~ every user group and when the item meets the condition, generating the character-image data by at least one of coloring the ~~item~~ character-image data with a color designated by the user ~~or~~ and applying character-string modification to the ~~item~~ character-image data in accordance with a modification method designated by the user, and

the image-forming means image-forming means has a function for printing out the ~~character-image data~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium generated by the image-data-generating means by at least one of coloring the character-image data with a color designated by the user or applying character-string modification to the character-image data in accordance with a modification method designated by the user.

12. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 8, wherein the image-data-generating means has a function for generating character-image data by applying respectively-inherent character modification to the specific ~~device~~ machine-control information under a plurality of conditions, and

the image-forming means has a function for printing out ~~character-image data~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium by applying respectively-inherent character modification to the specific ~~device~~ machine-control information generated by the image-data-generating means under a plurality of conditions.

13. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 8, wherein the image-forming means has a function for printing out the ~~device-information~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium by stepwise coloring the character-image data with a respectively-inherent color in accordance with a plurality of preset conditions about one item, when printing out the control

information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium.

14. (Currently amended) An image-forming device according to claim 8, wherein the image-data-generating means has a function for determining whether ~~to meet any stage a~~ plurality of threshold levels is met for each of a plurality of conditions designated by a user about one item designated by the user when generating the control information list including a ~~the number-of-sheet-used-information list or report every user group~~ and generating character-image data by coloring the character-image data with a color designated by the user in accordance with a stage the plurality of threshold levels meeting ~~one~~ each of the plurality of conditions, and

the image-forming means has a function for printing out the character-image data by coloring the character image data with a color designated by the user in accordance with a stage the threshold levels meeting ~~one~~ each of the plurality of conditions.

15. (Currently amended) A method for controlling an image-forming device, comprising:

holding ~~inherent device information including the~~ a control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on an image-recording medium as specific machine- control information to be ~~possessed~~ held by the image-forming device;

setting a reference value ~~to~~ for the specific device machine-control information ~~of the above device information~~ as a condition;

fetching the ~~device~~ machine-control information, determining whether the ~~device~~ machine-control information meets the above condition, adding predetermined color information to the ~~device~~ machine-control information in accordance with the determination result, and converting the ~~device~~ machine-control information including the predetermined color information into character-string data when printing out the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium;

converting the character-string data into character-image data;

storing the character-image data in a memory; and

reading character-image data from the memory and forming the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium as an image based on the character-image data on an the image-recording medium,

wherein the image formation is performed by applying at least one of coloring or and character modification to the specific device information under a specific condition and printing out data.

16. (Currently amended) A method for controlling an image-forming device according to claim 15, wherein the image formation is performed by printing out the character-image data by at least one of coloring or and modifying the character-image data in accordance with a preset condition when printing out the specific-device information.

17. (Currently amended) A method for controlling an image-forming device according to claim 15, wherein the image-data generation is performed by determining whether an item designated by a user meets a condition designated by the user when generating the control information list including a the number-of-sheets-used-information list or report every user group, and generating character-image data by at least one of coloring the data with a color designated by the user or and applying character-string modification to the character-image data in accordance with a modification method designated by the user when meeting the condition, and

the image formation is performed by printing out character-image data generated by coloring the data with a color designated by the user or applying character-string modification to the data by a modification method designated by the user.

18. (Currently amended) A method for controlling an image-forming device according to claim 15, wherein the image-data generation is performed by generating character-image data by applying respectively-inherent character modification to the specific ~~device~~ machine-control information under a plurality of conditions, and

the image formation is performed by printing out ~~character-image data~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording

medium generated by applying respectively-inherent character modification to the ~~specific device information~~ character-image data under a plurality of conditions.

19. (Currently amended) A method for controlling an image-forming device according to claim 15, wherein the image formation is performed by printing out the ~~character-image data~~ the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium by stepwise coloring the data with a respectively-inherent color in accordance with a plurality of preset conditions, when printing out the control information list including the number-of-sheets-used-information on the image-recording medium.

20. (Currently amended) A method for controlling an image-forming device according to claim 15, wherein the image-data generation is performed by determining whether ~~to meet any stage~~ a plurality of threshold levels is met for each of a plurality of conditions designated by a user about an item designated by the user when generating the control information list including a the number-of-sheets-used-information list or report every user-group and generates character-image data by coloring the character-image data with a color designated by the ~~usr~~ user in accordance with ~~a stage~~ the plurality of threshold levels meeting ~~one~~ each of the plurality of conditions, and

the image formation is performed by printing out the character-image data generated by coloring the character-image data with a color designated by the user in accordance with a ~~stage~~ the threshold levels meeting ~~one~~ each of the ~~above~~ plurality of conditions.